## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION;

On page 2, after line 26, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 4, delete lines 3-6 and insert the following paragraph and heading:

For a full understanding of the present invention, reference should now be made to the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments of the invention as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS;

and after line 12, insert the following heading and paragraph:

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The preferred embodiment of the present invention will now be described with reference to Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. Identical elements in the two figures are designated with the same reference numerals.

On page 7, after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

There has thus been shown and described a novel two-piece joining device for sheet pile retaining walls which fulfills all the objects and advantages sought therefor. Many changes, modifications, variations and other uses and applications of the subject invention will, however, become apparent to those skilled in the art after considering this specification and the accompanying drawings which disclose the preferred embodiments thereof. All such changes, modifications, variations and other uses and applications which do not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention are deemed to be covered by the invention, which is to be limited only by the claims which follow.